

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (withdrawn): An article of manufacture for drying or wiping a surface, comprising:
a first layer, comprising at least one layer of a microfiber fabric; and
a second layer coupled to the first layer, the second layer comprising at least one layer of a microfiber fabric;
wherein the article is configured for wiping a surface.
2. (withdrawn): The article of claim 1, wherein the microfiber fabric of the first and second layers has a characteristic independently selected from the group consisting of moisture wicking ability, moisture absorbing ability, wiping ability, cleaning ability, and combinations thereof.
3. (withdrawn): The article of claim 3, wherein the first and second layers comprise a terry microfiber.
4. (withdrawn): The article of either claims 1 or 3, wherein the layers are coupled by stitching along the periphery and by stitching along the inner surface areas of the layers in substantially parallel lines.
5. (currently amended): An article of manufacture for drying or wiping a liquid on a surface, comprising:

a first layer of a fabric consisting of a split microfiber with furrows and channels to create capillary action and void space in the first layer into which the liquid can be drawn;

a second layer of a fabric consisting of a split microfiber with furrows and channels to create capillary action and void space in the second layer into which the liquid can be drawn, portions of the second layer coupled to portions of the first layer in those areas in which there is no other fabric layer between the first and second layers; and

a third layer consisting of a moisture mediator, the third layer coupled in between portions of the first layer and portions of the second layer such that when the third layer is intermediate the first and second layers, the third layer mediates the transport of moisture from the first layer and moisture from the second layer;

coupler means to couple the three layers together in areas where all three layers overlap such that the three layers remain separate and distinct from each other except at limited points of contact caused by the coupling means where the first and third layers and the second and third layers are in fixed in contact with each other.

6. (Original): The article of claim 5, wherein the fabric of the first and second layers has a characteristic independently selected from the group consisting of moisture wicking ability, moisture absorbing ability, wiping ability, cleaning ability, and combinations thereof; and wherein the third layer comprises a moisture-absorbing material.

7. (previously presented): The article of claim 6, wherein the fabric of the first and second layers is independently selected from the group consisting of fabrics made from natural fibers, fabrics made from synthetic fibers, and combinations thereof; and wherein the third layer

comprises a material selected from the group consisting of fabrics made from natural fibers, fabrics made from synthetic fibers and combinations thereof.

8. (original): The article of claim 5, wherein the fabric of the first and second layers has a characteristic independently selected from the group consisting of moisture wicking ability, moisture absorbing ability, wiping ability, cleaning ability, and combinations thereof; and wherein the third layer comprises a moisture-resistant material.

9. (original): The article of claim 8, wherein the fabric of the first and second layers is selected from the group consisting of fabrics made from natural fibers, fabrics made from synthetic fibers, and combinations thereof; and wherein the third layer comprises a material selected from the group consisting of plastics, Gortex-like fabrics, rubber-containing materials, and combinations thereof.

10. (canceled): The article of claim 5, wherein the third layer has a surface area that is a portion of either the surface areas of the first layer or the second layer, wherein the first and second layers are coupled adjacent to each other in certain areas, and wherein the third layer is coupled between the first and second layers in certain other areas.

11. (previously presented): The article of claim 5, wherein the third layer surface area is centrally located in relation to the surface areas of the first and second layers.

12. (previously presented): The article according to any of claims 5, 6, 7 and 11, wherein the coupler means is stitching along the periphery and stitching along the inner surface areas of the layers in substantially parallel lines.

13. (previously presented): An article of manufacture for drying or wiping a liquid on a surface, comprising:

a first layer of a microfiber fabric consisting of a split microfiber with furrows and channels to create capillary action and void space in the first layer into which the liquid can be drawn;

a second layer of a microfiber fabric consisting of a split microfiber with furrows and channels to create capillary action and void space in the second layer into which liquid can be drawn, portions of the second layer coupled to portions of the first layer in those areas in which there is no fabric intermediate the first and second layers;

a third layer consisting of a split microfiber fabric having moisture-absorbing properties, the third layer coupled in between portions of the first layer and portions of the second layer such that when the third layer is between the first and second layers, the third layer absorbs liquid from the first and second layers; and

coupler means to couple the three layers together in areas where all three layers overlap such that the three layers remain separate and distinct from each other except at limited points of contact caused by the coupling means where the first and third layers and the second and third layers are in fixed contact with each other.

14. (original): The article of claim 13, wherein the first layer comprises a chamois microfiber, the second layer comprises a chamois microfiber, and the third layer comprises a terry microfiber.

15. (original): The article of claim 13, wherein the first layer comprises a single-knit terry microfiber, the second layer comprises a single-knit terry microfiber, and the third layer comprises a double-knit microfiber.

16. (original): The article of claim 13, wherein the third layer has a surface area that is a portion of either the surface areas of the first layer or the second layer, wherein the first and second layers are coupled adjacent to each other in certain areas, and wherein the third layer is coupled between the first and second layers in certain other areas.

17. (previously presented): The article of claim 13, wherein the third layer surface area is centrally located in relation to the surface areas of the first and second layers.

18. (previously presented): The article according any of claims 13 and 17, wherein the coupler means is stitching along the periphery and by stitching along the inner surface areas of the layers in substantially parallel lines.

19. (currently amended): An article of manufacture for drying or wiping a surface, comprising:

a first layer, comprising at least one layer of a microfiber fabric, the microfiber fabric consisting of a split microfiber with furrows and channels to create capillary action and void space in the first layer into which the liquid can be drawn;

a second layer, comprising at least one layer of a microfiber fabric consisting of a split microfiber with furrows and channels to create capillary action and void space in the second layer into which liquid can be drawn, the second layer coupled to the first layer, and

a third layer coupled in between the first and second layers such that when the third layer is intermediate the first and second layers, the third layer mediates the transport of moisture from the first layer and moisture from the second layer, the third layer comprising at least one layer of a moisture-resistant material;

wherein the article is configured for wiping a surface.

20. (original): The article of claim 19, wherein the first layer comprises a chamois microfiber, the second layer comprises a terry microfiber, and the third layer comprises a rip-stop nylon.

21. (original): The article of claim 19, wherein the first layer comprises an external layer of a double-knit terry microfiber and an internal layer of single-knit terry microfiber with the nap facing towards the external layer, wherein the second layer comprises an external layer of a double-knit terry microfiber and an internal layer of single-knit terry microfiber with the nap facing towards the external layer, and the third layer comprises a rip-stop nylon.

22. (original): The article of claim 19, wherein the third layer has a surface area that is a portion of either the surface areas of the first layer or the second layer, wherein the first and second layers are coupled adjacent to each other in certain areas, and wherein the third layer is coupled between the first and second layers in certain other areas.

23. (original): The article of claim 22, wherein the third layer surface area is centrally located in relation to the surface areas of the first and second layers.

24. (original): The article according any of claims 19, 20, 21 and 22, wherein the layers are coupled by stitching along the periphery and by stitching along the inner surface areas of the layers in substantially parallel lines.